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SUBJECT: UK MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT JUDITH
HART TO VISIT UNITED STATES

1. MRS. JUDITH HART, REAPPOINTED AS MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT IN FOREIGN OFFICE RESHUFFLE FOLLOWING DEATH OF FON MIN CROSLAND, PLANS TO VISIT UNITED STATES IN APRIL. MRS. HART IS A WELL KNOWN LEFTWINGER WHO RESIGNED FROM THE GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN ACCEPT A SHIFT FROM ODM TO TRANSPORT. HER RETURN TO GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY THE LEFT AND MANY MODERATE LABOR MPS BECAUSE OF HER EXPERIENCE AND FORCEFULNESS. SHE IS EXTREMELY WELL THOUGHT OF BY THE BRITISH "DEVELOPMENT LOBBY" FOR HER VIGOROUS ESPOUSAL OF THE "RIGHTS" OF THE THIRD WORLD. SHE IS VERY MUCH ADMIRER BY HER STAFF AT ODM FOR HER ABILITY (PROVEN IN THE PAST) TO TRADE OFF POLITICAL ACTIVISM WITHIN WHITEHALL FOR A GROWING AID BUDGET.

2. MRS. HART PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON EVENING OF APRIL 18, SPEND TWO WORKING DAYS THERE, GO TO NEW
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YORK ON EVENING APRIL 20, AND RETURN TO LONDON ON APRIL 22. SHE PLANS TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE WITH AMBASSADOR RAMSBOTHAM. RONALD DEARE, COUNSELOR FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT AT UK EMBASSY, IS ARRANGING HER SCHEDULE.

3. DEARE IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE MEETINGS FOR HER

WITH ROBERT MCNAMARA, WORLD BANK, SENATORS KENNEDY AND CLARK, CONGRESSMEN FRASER AND KOCH. NEWLY DESIGNATED AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN AND UN AMBASSADOR YOUNG. HER STAFF HAS ASKED US TO SUPPORT, WHICH WE EARNESTLY DO, HER REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH GILLIGAN AND YOUNG.

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT MRS. HART, WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF NYRERE'S AND KNOWS MACHEL AND DOS SANTOS WELL, WISHES TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICA ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG. VISIT WITH ADMINISTRATOR-DESIGNATE GILLIGAN WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR MRS. HART TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH GOVERNOR GILLIGAN AND TO BE FULLY BRIEFED ON THE "NEW DIRECTIONS" WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION IS LIKELY TO TAKE IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN GENERAL AND ON RESOURCE TRANSFER IN PARTICULAR. MRS. HART HAS LONG SUPPORTED RELATING HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS TO FOREIGN AID AND WE ARE SURE SHE WILL ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT.

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